(b) if not, whether the Central Government is contemplating deployment of para-military forces *suo-motu* in order to maintain the law and order; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Subject to their requirement and availability the Central Para-military Forces are already available at the disposal of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Representations on Jute Packaging Material Act

*405. DR. A.K. PATEL:
PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ministry of Textiles has been getting representations from MPs and State Chief Ministers on Jute Packaging Material Act over the past three years (1998-99, until now);

(b) if so, how many such representations have been received;

(c) the details of such VIP references categorised under State CMs, MPs and Central and State Ministers for indefinite extension to JPMA and review/ repeal of JPMA; and

(d) the response of Government to above representations and details of action taken?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Textiles has been getting representations from Chief Ministers, MPs and Central and State Ministers for extending/ diluting/repealing the norms of compulsory packing under the Jute Packing Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 (JPM Act). The details of such VIP references, category-wise is as follows:

Year	Category-wise representation received*			
	Chief Ministers	Central Ministers	Ministers of State/ Ministers of State Govt.	Members of Parliament (MPs)
i) For Relaxation/Repeal				
1998-1999 (July-June)	2	2	3	8
1999-2000 (July-June)	—	1	2	3
2000-2001 (July'00-Nov. 01')	4	3	—	268
ii) For Extension/Continuation				
1998-1999 (July-June)	2	—	1	5
1999-2000 (July-June)	2	—	—	3
2000-2001 (July'00- Nov.'01)	1	—	1	11

*Including representations forwarded.

(d) The Government has constituted an inter-ministerial committee for formulating a road map for progressive dilution of compulsory packaging norms under the JPM Act, 1987.

Textiles exports to european countries

†*406. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held any discussion for discontinuance of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.